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SUBJECT: SPECIAL ASSISTANT RICHARD S. WELCH KILLED BY GUNMEN

1. SPECIAL ASSISTANT RICHARD S. WELCH WAS ASSASSINATED AT APPROXIMATELY 2200 LOCAL TIME DECEMBER 23 BY THREE MASKED GUNMEN OUTSIDE GATE OF HIS RESIDENCE IN PSYCHICO ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ATHENS. RETURNING FROM RECEPTION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, WELCH WAS STOPPED OUTSIDE GATE OF HOUSE AND SHOT BY GUNMEN WHO IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED. WELCH WAS, ACCORDING TO INITIAL REPORTS, DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT RYTHMISTIKON HOSPITAL. MRS. WELCH, WHO WAS WITH HUSBAND, WAS NOT INJURED.

2. LOCAL PRESS AWARE OF SHOOTING.

3. MINISTER AVEROFF HAS COME IMMEDIATELY TO EMBASSY TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR, EXPRESS CONDOLENCES AND OFFER ALL ASSISTANCE. FONMIN BITSIOS AND COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALAGOURAS HAVE ALSO PHONED, AND PRESIDENT TSATSOS HAS SENT A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EMBASSY.

4. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE GREEK
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GOVERNMENT.

5. ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO FOLLOW AS AVAILABLE.
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